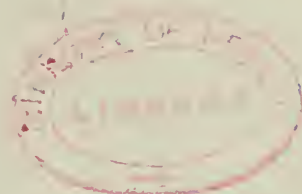


RURAL DISTRICT OF HAY.Report of the Medical Officer of Health.1940.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs Watkins and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1940. In accordance with the wishes of the Welsh Board of Health, as expressed in Circular 2314 (Wales), this report must be considered to be an interim one and is confined to urgent and essential matters which have affected the public health during the year.

At the end of the war a report will be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year.

Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. D. J. Jones, the first full time Medical Officer of Health to the district, terminated his appointment on December 31st, 1939, to take up similar duties elsewhere.

This created a vacancy which I had the honour of filling on March 1st, 1940.

Disinfection after Cases of Tuberculosis.

During the year an arrangement was made with Dr. Watson enabling us to use the steam steriliser at Bronllys Sanatorium for the disinfection of clothing and bedding after deaths from tuberculosis or after the transfer of such cases to sanatoria.

This should prove very useful in helping to prevent the spread of this disease as the facilities for steam disinfection are sadly lacking in the whole of my districts.

Infectious Disease.

The cases of infectious disease which were notified to me during the year are shown in the list below:-

Measles.....	28 cases.
Acute Primary Pneumonia.....	1 case.
Diphtheria.....	1 case.
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	4 cases.
Scarlet Fever.....	4 cases.

The measles cases occurred in the first two months of the year and affected mainly the Talgarth and Bronllys districts. No connection could be found between the cases of cerebro-spinal fever and three of the cases proved fatal.

The work throughout the year was largely routine in character and no exceptional administrative measure was undertaken or recommended by me.

Yours faithfully,

T. C. R. GEORGE.

District Medical Officer of Health.

